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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

### Application for Mediators

*Please complete the entire application, using additional paper if necessary. You may also attach a resume.*

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### ADMISSIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Date admitted to the Bar of the District of South Carolina: 1987 I.D. No.: 2411

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 1986 Bar No.: 7895

Other courts or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission and bar nos.): House of Delegates, S.C. Bar (1995-); AAA Advisory Committee on Mediation (1995-)

Membership and positions held in bar, ADR and professional associations: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member in good standing in each jurisdiction where admitted to practice law? ☒ yes ☐ no

Are you currently the subject of any pending disciplinary proceeding in any jurisdiction? ☐ yes ☒ no

Have you, within the last 5 years, been denied admission to a bar for character or ethical reasons or disciplined for professional misconduct? ☐ yes ☒ no

### EDUCATION

Year law degree received 1986 Law School Wake Forest School of Law

Other professional degrees received (including year and school) \_\_\_\_\_

### LEGAL EXPERIENCE (A minimum of 5 years of law practice required)

Summarize legal experience (including teaching) since admission to the bar, particularly in the past five years:

Private practice concentrating in civil litigation, bankruptcy and intellectual

property matters. The civil litigation has included property damage, personal injury,

construction, lender liability, products liability, contract, employment, broker/

dealer liability, trademark and unfair trade disputes.

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Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff 50 % or defense 50 %

Percentage of Federal or State court practice in last 5 years: Federal 50 % State 50 %

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 14

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### EXPERTISE

Indicate all substantive areas in which you have expertise. Place a "1" by your strongest area(s) and a "2" by all other areas in which you have expertise. (Do not rank beyond "1" and "2.") After any category you have marked, please identify any sub-areas of expertise you have (e.g. "medical malpractice" after Personal Injury).

<u>    </u> Admiralty	<u>    </u> Security or Shareholders suits
<u>    </u> Antitrust	<u>    </u> Labor
<u>  1  </u> Contracts	<u>    </u> ERISA
<u>  2  </u> Environment	<u>    </u> Wrongful Termination
<u>    </u> Fraud or Civil RICO	<u>    </u> Civil Rights in Employment
<u>  1  </u> Insurance	<u>    </u> Other Civil Rights
<u>  2  </u> Miller Act	<u>  1  </u> Copyrights
<u>  2  </u> Personal Injury	<u>    </u> Patent
<u>    </u> Product Liability	<u>  1  </u> Trademark
<u>  1  </u> Other (specify) <u>Bankruptcy</u>	

Publications: S.C. Jurisprudence: Co-author: "Attachment" "Limitation of Actions"

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### MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

Mediation experience (particularly in the subject matter categories above): As advocate: products liability case;  
franchise termination case; As mediator: Property damage/insurance case.

Other courts or organizations for whom you serve as a mediator (please note any certifications): Court of  
Common Pleas, Charleston/Beaufort Counties/AAA

Number of mediations conducted: 3 Number of other ADR sessions conducted:     

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### MEDIATION AND OTHER ADR TRAINING

<u>Course</u> <u>Provider</u>	<u>Course</u> <u>Content</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Hours</u>
S.C. Council Mediation	Circuit Court Training	5/96	Chas., SC	40

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### OTHER INFORMATION

Are you familiar with the statutes, rules and practice governing alternative dispute resolution in the District of South Carolina? ☒ yes ☐ no

Other relevant experience or skills or other information you would like considered in connection with this application:

ability to listen to all parties, analyze the situation and provide  
clear, concise decisions

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

☒ Columbia ☒ Charleston ☐ Greenville ☒ Florence  
Other Aiken, Beaufort

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: \$ 150.00 Minimum charge each mediation: \$ 250-will discuss alternative methods/flat fee

How do you bill for travel? (explain): case by case

I agree to: (1) Be subject to the Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 407, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules; the Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement, Rule 413, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules; and the Local Rules of the District Court; (2) Provide mediation to indigents without pay if ordered by the Court; (3) Notify the Alternative Dispute Resolution Program Director of any change in the above facts or otherwise in my ability to perform duties as a mediator; (4) Disclosure of information contained in this application to litigants and other members of the public.

I certify that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature: W. Andrew Gowder, Jr. Date: 6/14/00  
Applicant  
W. Andrew Gowder, Jr.

Return completed application to:  
**Danny H. Mullis, Director**  
**Alternative Dispute Resolution Program**  
**United States District Court**  
**Post Office Box 835**  
**Charleston, SC 29402-0835**

Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADR Program

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. District Judge